

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on January 16, 2025, at the Orange County Public Safety Building, Orange, VA.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. A quorum was established followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	Members:	Coppage, Elliott, Johnson, Marshall, Voorhees
	Staff:	G.M. Clemons, D.O. Jarrell, D.A. Gaskins
	Attorney:	Stefan Calos
	Guests:	Bryan Nicol

The first item of business was the election of officers. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Voorhees, the Board voted to retain the current slate of officers (Chairman – Johnson, Vice-Chairman – Coppage, Secretary/Treasurer – Clemons, and Assistant Secretary – Gaskins) on a unanimous voice vote.

The agenda for the meeting was then adopted on a motion by Elliott, seconded by Marshall, and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

G.M. Clemons made a minor change to the draft minutes of the December 19, 2024 meeting, and the revised minutes were approved on a motion by Coppage, seconded by Elliott, and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The minutes of the January 9 public hearing were then approved on a motion by Coppage, seconded by Elliott, and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

During the opportunity for public comment, Orange County Supervisor Bryan Nicol indicated that he had received a couple of complaints regarding the manner in which RSA publicized its meetings. He asked that in addition to posting meeting notices/agendas on its website, that RSA consider sending out an alert to make customers aware of upcoming meetings. He suggested also that RSA could notify customers in the same manner if a meeting were cancelled.

D.A. Gaskins then presented a customer request regarding a high bill. The customer denied using the water, but D.A. Gaskins pointed out that the meter indicated that the usage occurred between November 9-12. He also pointed out that although the customer had asked for relief on a \$500 bill, \$320 of the bill was for the customer's service deposit. The actual water/sewer portion of the bill was approximately \$190. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Elliott, the Board voted to uphold its usual policy on a unanimous voice vote.

During the opportunity for Board comment, Mr. Coppage asked if RSA had either installed or was planning for a sign at the new office in Madison. G.M. Clemons indicated that he had begun the process and that a sign would be installed at that location. Mr. Voorhees then let the Board know that he had agreed to an on-site interview with NBC 29 regarding upgrades at the Wilderness water plant. He also informed the Board of proposed legislation - Senate Bill 923 - that would restrict the amount of water that could be sold

from one water system to another by restricting the amount of water that could be discharged into a basin other than the system's own to five percent of its total water sales. As this could potentially adversely affect RSA, G.M. Clemons is going to weigh in on the discussions currently taking place.

G.M. Clemons then brought the proposed Madison rate changes to the Board for approval. A public hearing had been held on January 9, 2025, and a few people spoke. The Chairman acknowledged that no one wants an increase in rates but stated that the increase reflects the cost of providing the service. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Elliott, the rate changes were passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

G.M. Clemons then gave a brief report. He mentioned that he had planned to inform the Board of the potential legislation Mr. Voorhees discussed. With that subject already covered, his only additional comment was that there was no financial report as staff were wrapping up year-end financial matters.

Attorney Calos did not have anything to add at this time.

At 2:18 p.m. the Board went into closed session with Attorney Calos based on the motion made by Coppage, seconded by Elliott, and passed unanimously on a voice vote (see the attached motion to enter into closed Session). The Board came out of closed session at 2:34 p.m., and each Board member individually certified that the requirement regarding matters discussed during the closed session was met.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Elliott the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.



Chairman

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEMBERS OF THE
RAPIDAN SERVICE AUTHORITY ON JANUARY 16, 2025**

I move that the Board of Members of the Rapidan Service Authority enter into closed session for the following, pursuant to Virginia Code sections 2.2-3711(A)(8):

Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters related to the Wilderness Water Treatment Plant requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Motion by: _____ Coppage _____

Seconded by: _____ Marshall _____

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Upon leaving the closed session and entering back into open session, please state the following:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3712(D), (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting by the RSA board. Should any members of the board believe that there was a departure from the foregoing requirements, please so state at this time, prior to the vote, and indicate the substance of the departure that, in their judgment, has taken place.

I would ask each Board Member to certify that the foregoing requirements were met, by saying "AYE".

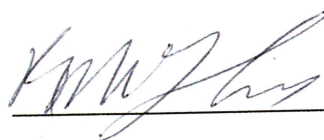
Coppage	_____	X
Elliot	_____	X
Johnson	_____	X
Marshall	_____	X
Voorhees	_____	X

All Board Members certified by saying "AYE", except _____

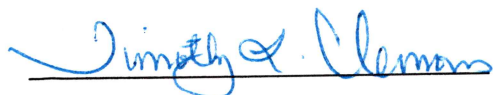
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that after a duly noticed public hearing on January 9, 2025, the below Madison Water Rate Schedule and Madison Sewer Rate Schedule are hereby Adopted and put into effect, all pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-5136(G).

ADOPTED this 16th day of January 2025.



Mark Johnson, Chairman



Timothy L. Clemons, Secretary

Madison Water Rate Schedule

	Current	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Minimum Charge (0-2,000 gal.)	\$27.54	\$35.25	\$36.31	\$37.40	\$38.52	\$39.68
Each Additional 1,000 gal.	\$12.27	\$15.71	\$16.18	\$16.66	\$17.16	\$17.68
Summer Conservation Surcharge	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$2.06	\$2.12	\$2.19	\$2.25

Madison Sewer Rate Schedule

	Current	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Minimum Charge (0-2,000 gal.)	\$43.70	\$51.13	\$52.66	\$54.24	\$55.87	\$57.55
Each Additional 1,000 gal.	\$20.35	\$23.81	\$24.52	\$25.26	\$26.02	\$26.80